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FOR MAY 16 ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE

1. AS PREPARATIONS FOR THE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS
CONFERENCE IN TRIPOLI, MAY 16, CONTINUE, MORE THAN 30
OF THE ANTICIPATED 42 ISLAMIC COUNTRIES HAVE REPORTEDLY
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INDICATED THEIR INTENTIONS TO ATTEND CONFERENCE. ACCORDING
TO LOCAL MEDIA, TUNISIA, ALGERIA, MOROCCO, NIGER, IRAQ,
GAMGIA, UGANDA, AND MALDIVES OFFICIALLY INFORMED THE
CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT, MAY 8, OF THEIR INTENTION TO
PARTICIPATE.

2. CONFIRMATION REPORTEDLY WAS ALSO RECEIVED FROM

PAKISTAN, WHOSE DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY ITS FOREIGN MINISTER AZIZ AHMED, AS WELL AS BANGLADESH LED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY ENVOY SHAMSUL HAQ; YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC LED BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ABDALLAH AL ASNAJ; AFGHANISTAN HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTER WAHID ABDULLAH; JORDAN LED BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS HASAN IBRAHIM; INDONESIA LED BY FOREIGN MINISTER ADAM MALIK; TURKEY LED BY FOREIGN MINISTER IHSAN SABRI CAGLAYANGIL; SAUDI ARABIA LED BY CROWN PRINCE AND FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD FAISAL; PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE YEMEN REPRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY MOHAMMAD SALEH; MALAYSIA LED BY FOREIGN MINISTER AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN BIN ISMAIL; OMAN LED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY YUSUF ALAVI. COMORO ISLANDS DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY THEIR ROVING AMBASSADOR TO ISLAMIC COUNTRIES OMAR ABDULLAH. THE PLO WILL BE REPRESENTED BY FARROUK QADDOUMI. OBSERVERS AT THE CONFERENCE WILL INCLUDE THE ARAB LEAGUE, THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, THE WORLD ISLAMIC CONGRESS, THE WORLD ISLAMIC LEAGUE AND THE WORLD CONGRESS OF ISLAMIC YOUTH.

3. MAY 9 LOCAL PRESS QUOTES KUWAITI DAILY "AL-RAI AL-AM" STATING THAT THE CONFERENCE "WILL HAVE FAR REACHING RESULTS DURING THESE CRUCIAL TIMES." KUWAITI DAILY IS ALSO QUOTED EXPRESSING HOPE THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL "ALLOW FOR THE CREATION OF A STRONG ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ISLAMIC GROUP IN A WORLD WHERE THE WEAK HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NO PLACE."

4. MOHAMMAD ZAMIR, CHARGE OF THE BANGLADESH EMBASSY, INDICATES THAT BANGLADESH IS A MEMBER OF CONFERENCE'S ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. THE AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED BUT ACCORDING TO ZAMIR AND SPECULATION IN PRESS, CONFERENCE WILL GIVE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN ISLAMIC COUNTRIES. PRESS ALSO INDICATES THAT PALESTINIAN QUESTION AND ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

5. THOUGH EGYPT HAS INDICATED IT WILL NOT ATTEND THE CONFERENCE, THE EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN DISPUTE HAS ALREADY CREATED A MINOR CONTROVERSY CONCERNING THE USE OF THE EGYPTIAN TRANSLATORS. EGYPT ALLEGES THAT LIBYANS PREVENTED THEIR TRANSLATORS FROM WORKING AT CONFERENCE. LIBYANS HAVE DISMISSED ALLEGATIONS AS LIES AND QUOTE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE SOURCES THAT THE CONFERENCE

SECRETARIAT APPROACHED THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT IN VAIN
TO OBTAIN EGYPTIAN TRANSLATORS. COMMENT: REPORTED
CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE BY SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER
FAISAL AND OTHER PROMINENT ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS
SUGGESTS IMPORTANCE THESE GOVERNMENTS PLACE ON
CONFERENCE DESPITE THEIR DIFFERENCES WITH COLONEL
QADHAFI. ABSENCE OF EGYPTIANS AND SUDANESE, WHILE
CONSPICUOUS, DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE DISCOURAGED
ATTENDANCE BY OTHER ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS.
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